

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently Amended) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein the wall thickness of the lateral wing is at least about one half of an inch.
3. (Currently Amended) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein the extruded material comprises an elastic material ~~ethylene propylene terpolymers~~.
4. (Currently Amended) The compression seal of Claim ~~3~~ 32, wherein the extruded material comprises EPDM rubber or ethylene propylene terpolymers.
5. (Previously Presented) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein the compressible sealing portion comprises longitudinal tubes.
6. (Previously Presented) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein the compressible sealing portion comprises a membrane structure having at least one channel, wherein the channel allows the compressible sealing portion to vary in lateral width.
7. (Previously Presented) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein the lateral wing comprises longitudinal channels.
8. (Currently Amended) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein the lateral wing ~~comprises~~ a lower surface provided with grooves ~~grooved surfaces~~.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein cross sections of the compression seal along its length have substantially the same structural configuration.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim 33 45, wherein the wall thickness of each ~~the lateral load-bearing~~ wing is at least about one half of an inch.

14. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim 33 45, wherein a surface of each ~~the lateral wing~~ is bonded to a surface of an adjacent ~~element~~ concrete slab by adhesives.

15. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim 33 45, wherein a surface of each ~~the lateral wing~~ is ~~bonded~~ bolted to a surface of an adjacent ~~element~~ concrete slab ~~by masonry anchoring bolts~~.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim 33 45, wherein the one-piece compression seal comprises an elastic material ~~extruded ethylene propylene terpolymers~~.

18. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim 45 ~~33~~, wherein the one-piece compression seal comprises extruded EPDM rubber or extruded ethylene propylene terpolymers.

19. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim ~~45~~ ~~33~~, wherein the compressible sealing portion comprises longitudinal tubes.

20. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim ~~45~~ ~~33~~, wherein the compressible sealing portion comprises a membrane structure having at least one channel, wherein the channel allows the compressible sealing portion to vary in lateral width.

21. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim ~~45~~ ~~33~~, wherein ~~the~~ at least one lateral wing comprises longitudinal channels.

22. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim ~~45~~ ~~33~~, wherein ~~the~~ at least one lateral wing is hinged from the compressible sealing portion.

23. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim ~~45~~ ~~33~~, wherein cross sections of the compression seal along its length have substantially the same structural configuration.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) The compression seal of Claim 6, wherein the channel deforms to allow the compressible sealing portion to vary in lateral width.

27. (Previously Presented) The compression seal of Claim 26, wherein the channel allows the compressible sealing portion to vary in lateral width by deforming vertically with variations in the lateral width of the compressible sealing portion.

28. (Previously Presented) The expansion joint system of Claim 20, wherein the channel deforms to allow the compressible sealing portion to vary in lateral width.

29. (Previously Presented) The expansion joint system of Claim 28, wherein the channel allows the compressible sealing portion to vary in lateral width by deforming vertically with variations in the lateral width of the compressible sealing portion.

30. (Currently Amended) The compression seal of claim 32, wherein the lateral wing is bonded to a surface of an adjacent ~~elements~~ concrete slab by adhesives.

31. (Canceled).

32. (Currently Amended) A one-piece compression seal for an expansion joint,  
~~consisting of~~ comprising:

a compressible sealing portion having elastic membranes; and

at least one lateral wing extending from the compressible sealing portion forming  
a structurally integrated one-piece extrusion, wherein the lateral wing is configured so as to be  
received in and contact a blockout area of a concrete slab, and further wherein the lateral wing  
and the elastic membranes each have a thickness and wherein the thickness of the lateral wing is  
greater than the thickness of the elastic membranes, and further wherein each of the lateral wing  
and the compressible sealing portion have a width, and the width of the lateral wing is greater  
than the width of the compressible sealing portion. ~~the wherein the lateral wing has a thickness~~  
~~that is larger than a thickness of the elastic membranes, and the lateral wing has a width that is~~  
~~larger than a width of the compressible sealing portion, and wherein the compressible sealing~~  
~~portion and the lateral wing form structurally integrated parts of a one piece extruded material.~~  
(change: single wing is larger than the compressible portion; but as we go into larger joint sizes--  
then the compressible portion is bigger than the single wing).

33. (Canceled).

34. (Canceled).

35. (Canceled).

36. (Canceled).

37. (Canceled).

38. (Canceled).

39. (Canceled).

40. (Canceled).

41. (Canceled).

42. (Previously Presented) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein the lateral wing is hinged from the compressible sealing portion.

43. (Currently Amended) The compression seal of Claim 32, wherein the lateral wing is ~~configured to be bonded~~ bolted to a surface of an adjacent element ~~by masonry anchoring bolts~~.

44. (Currently Amended) The expansion joint of Claim ~~45~~ 33, wherein the lateral wing has a lower surface provided with grooves ~~comprises grooved surfaces~~.

45. (New) A one-piece compression seal for an expansion joint, comprising:  
a compressible sealing portion including an elastic accordion-like membrane structure formed by a plurality of channels, the compressible sealing portion a wall thickness;  
and  
first and second lateral wings each extending from an upper portion of the compressible sealing portion, the first and second lateral wings each having a wall thickness greater than the wall thickness of the compressible sealing portion, and further wherein the first

and second lateral wings each have concrete-contacting lower surfaces configured to grip adjacent concrete slabs.

46. (New) The one-piece compression seal of claim 45, wherein each of the first and second lateral wings has a vertical height and the compressible sealing portion has a vertical height, the vertical height of the compressible sealing portion being greater than the vertical height of the first and second lateral wings.

47. (New) The one-piece compression seal of claim 45, wherein at least one lateral wing has a solid structure.

48. (New) The one-piece compression seal of claim 45, wherein at least one lateral wing has a cellular structure.

49. (New) The one-piece compression seal of claim 45, wherein at least one lateral wing has at least one surface having a pattern of grooves.

50. (New) The one-piece compression seal of claim 32, wherein the lateral wing has a solid structure.

51. (New) The one-piece compression seal of claim 32, wherein the lateral wing has a cellular structure.

**REMARKS**

**INTRODUCTION**

In this Response, claims 2-4, 13-15, 17-23, 30, 32, 43, and 44 are amended, claims 45 to 51 are newly presented and claim 33 is canceled. Support for the amendment and new claims can be found throughout the specification and Figures as well as the originally filed claims. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

This amendment is made solely to expedite prosecution of the present application and do not constitute an acquiescence to any reference identified or rejection raised by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute the canceled subject matter in a separate patent application.

**INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER**

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the formal telephonic interview with the Applicant's attorney of record on January 15, 2008. In accordance with MPEP § 713.04, Applicant summarizes herewith the details of the interview with the Examiner.

During the interview, the subject matter of the claims was discussed with particular attention directed to independent claims 32 and 33 and the prior art cited by the Examiner in the Office Action. The Examiner recognized that none of the prior art cited discloses or suggests each of the features of the independent claims, as now amended. In particular, the prior art cited does not disclose or suggest, the combination of features claimed.